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IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the current Abstract in its entirety and substitute therefor the enclosed New Abstract.

NEW ABSTRACT

A pickup unit for reading and/or writing data on a disk includes a lens in a lens holder which is connected to a frame of the pickup unit by elastic support members. The lens holder is movable with respect to the disk by bending of the elastic support members. The mounting position of each elastic support member at the lens holder is located closer to the disk than the respective mounting position of the elastic support member at the frame, as seen in the focusing direction of the lens. In this manner, the lens holder with the lens is adapted to be brought to an operating distance with respect to the disk which is smaller than the flatness tolerances of the disk without the risk of collisions between the frame and the rotating disk.